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Government of India for necessary action. It may also be mentioned that the Spices Enquiry Committee appointed by the Government of India has already studied all problems connected with pepper and its specific recommendations are under the consideration of the Government of India."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in forwarding this resolution, did this Government express any opinion or make any recommendation in regard to this matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Of course, Sir, there is no question of the Government simply forwarding the resolution. They did appreciate the point and they did commend the proposal."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, is it a fact that a committee has been appointed by the Central Government in regard to this matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am afraid that this question must be addressed to the Parliament of India."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, is there any basis for the rumour that the world market in pepper fell because of the failure on the part of the merchants to supply to the standard of the sample? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have notice and I would like to look into the matter before answering this question."

*Transfer of N.G.Os. in Malabar.*

* 661 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions, secret or other, regarding the transfer of any N.G.Os. in the Civil Judicial department, Industries department and Port department in the district of Malabar for their alleged activities in the 1947 strike; and

(*b*) if so, in regard to how many persons such instructions have been issued?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

*P.C.C. Societies in Malabar.*

* 662 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum from Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar to take urgent steps to reorganize these societies in the light of the abolition of rationing and food control, and if so, the action taken thereon?